(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) The position in this regard was elucidated in the Prime Minister's Suo *Motu* statement on this subject on February 27,2006.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

*178. SHRI R.S. GAVAI. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the norms for centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) has been subsumed in the recently launched UIDSSMT (Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns) which envisages provision of Central assistance for infrastructure projects including water supply projects. Since new water supply projects for all cities/towns can be taken up under Jawaharlal Nehu National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and UIDSSMT. Funds under AUWSP will be available only for on-going projects for completion. No new projects are being taken up under AUWSP from the current financial year.

Maritime Development Programme for Andhra Pradesh

*179. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the preparation of National Maritime Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details of specific schemes and projects to be taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh;